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## Open house for Highway 23 expansion set for December 15

WILLMAR, Minn. – Area residents, business owners and others are invited to attend an open house on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to learn about the expansion of Highway 23 from Paynesville to Richmond. This is the second open house for the Hwy 23 expansion project. The first open house was held on Sept. 24, 2015.

The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gathering Space at St. Peter and Paul Church, 110 Central Avenue North in Richmond.

The focus of this open house will be to view changes made to the layout as a result of comments made at the first open house and to gather additional feedback from community members. There will be no formal presentation.

Individuals not able to make the open house are encouraged to visit the web site to view the draft design layout.

Visit <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d8/projects/hwy23gappaynesvillerichmond/meetings.html> to learn more.

The project is part of the Corridors of Commerce program, which the Legislature created in 2013. The program is intended to foster economic growth in the state by providing additional highway capacity where there are bottlenecks in the system, improving the movement of freights and reducing barriers to commerce.

Currently, all but 15 miles of the 53-mile stretch of Highway 23 between Willmar and Interstate 94 have been constructed as a four-lane roadway. One of the gaps is from Paynesville to Richmond.

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MnDOT has received Corridors of Commerce funding to help prepare environmental work for future expansion and begin purchasing right of way. No funding for construction is available at this time.

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